



Forest Heights Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual

Subject:	Investigations of Deaths Caused by Fire or Explosion			
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A. Purpose

To clarify the investigative responsibilities of the Forest Heights Police Department (FHPD) regarding deaths caused by fire or explosion.

B. Policy

1. When a fire or explosion occurs within the jurisdiction of the FHPD resulting in the death of a person or persons, and it is determined that arson is not a factor to the cause of the fire or explosion, the investigation of the incident will be the responsibility of the Prince George's County Fire Department.
2. When a fire or explosion occurs within the jurisdiction of the FHPD resulting in the death of a person or persons, and it is determined that arson is a factor to the cause of the fire or explosion, the FHPD will compile a report of the incident and relinquish the investigation of the incident to the Prince George's County Police Department.
3. The FHPD will maintain a file of the report.
4. The Prince George's County Fire Department or the Prince George's County Police Department will handle all press releases for such incidents.